

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 15 and 18-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon the Kaufman patent. Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over the combination of Campau and Gerlach. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16 and 17 have been deemed allowable.

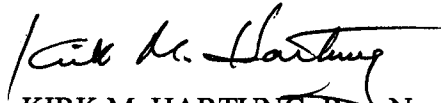
Applicant has amended the claims so as to write the allowable claims in independent form. More particular, claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations from allowable claim 6. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from allowable claim 17. New independent claims 24-26 correspond to allowable claims 3, 4 and 7 rewritten in independent form, including the limitations from parent claim 1. New independent claims 27-29 correspond to allowable claims 13, 14 and 16 rewritten in independent form, respectively, including the limitations from parent claim 12.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 17 and 23 have been cancelled.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$1,000.00 for 5 additional independent claims over 3. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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